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1. SUMMARY: GOR STATEMENT MARCH 8 SAID REPORTS FROM ABROAD ABOUT "MASSACRES" IN RWANDA WERE BASELESS. TRUTH IS TWO MOVEMENTS HAVE RECENTLY SPREAD, ESSENTIALLY SOCIAL AND POPULARLY INSPIRED: (1) EMPLOYEES' MOVEMENT OF UNDER-PRIVILEGED WORKERS DEMANDING TO KNOW WHY THEY HOLD POORER JOBS THEN "OTHERS"; AND (2) DISPUTES IN SCHOOLS CAUSING SOME DISORDERS WHICH NOW ABATED. COUNTRY AND LEADERSHIP CHARACTERIZED BY MODERATION SINCE REVOLUTION OF 1959 AND IF ANY INJUSTICE NOW COMMITTED IT WILL BE RECTIFIED. EVERYONE IN RWANDA HAS BEEN ABLE FIND PEACE AND MODERATION AND THIS WILL NOT CHANGE. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MUNYANEZA MARCH 8

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RECEIVED CHIEFS OF MISSION (AS WELL AS RESREP UNDP, HEAD OF FED AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES) TO READ GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON RECENT TROUBLES. ESSENTIAL POINTS FOLLOW:

3. CERTAIN FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS CHARGING " TRIBAL HATRED" HAS LED TO " SLAUGHTER" AND " MASSACRES" IN RWANDA LACK ANY FOUNDATION. IRRESPONSIBLE SOURCES SUCH SUCH INFORMATION ARE DRIVEN BY ANIMOSITY CHARACTERISTIC OF " IMPENITANT FEUDALISTS" ACCUSTOMED CAUSING TROUBLE IN RWANDA.

4. FACT IS TWO MOVEMENTS HAVE SPREAD IN COUNTRY PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. THE FIRST, ESSENTIALLY SOCIAL AND POPULARLY INSPIRED, BEGAN AMONG EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF MANY COMPANIES. THERE WERE MANIFESTLY NO DISORDERS OR BRUTALITY AND THE RALLYING CRY OF UNDERPRIVILEGED WORKERS WAS " WHY ARE WE CONDEMNED OCUPY LOWEST JOBS WHILE " THE OTHERS" ARE IN POSITIONS OF MANAGEMENT?" SECOND MOVEMENT, BREWING FOR SOME MONTHS, ALSO POPULARLY INSPIRED AND ESSENTIALLY SOCIAL, HNAIFIP TO DISPUTES IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES. IT IS SIMILAR TO MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. IN RARE CASES THIS HAS LED TO FIGHTING AMONG STUDENTS AND THESE LOCALIZED DISORDERS HAVE APPARENTLY STOPPED AND IN ANY CASE EQUILIBRIUM WILL SOON BE REESTABLISHED.

5. ANY ATTENTIVE OBSERVE KNOWS RWANDA IS MODERATE COUNTRY GOVERNED BY MODERATE AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERS. EVEN DURING 1959-60 REVOLUTION, POPULAR MOVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES WERE ALWAYS MARKED BY MODERATION. SAME MODERATION HAS CHARACTERIZED COUNTRY AND LEADERSHIP IN TEN YEARS SINCE REVOLUTION.

6. CONCERNING TWO MOVEMENTS IN QUESTION, THE RWANDAN PEOPLE, THE PARMEHUTU PARTY AND COUNTRY'S LEADERS WILL ADOPT FAIR AND EQUITABLE ATTITUDE IN ACCORDANCE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL. WE HAVE NEVER CONSCIOUSLY RESPONDED TO INJUSTICE WITH INJUSTICE. IF ANY INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE AS A RESULT OF EITHER OF THESE MOVEMENTS, IT WILL BE RECTIFIED. IF ANYONE USING MOVEMENTS AS PRETEXT HAS COMMITTED ABUSES OR INJUSTICE FOR SELFISH INTEST RATHER THAN " FOR A JUST SOCIAL CAUSE," THEY WILL BE FIRMLY REPRESSED.

7. FALSE STORIES RECENTLY DISSEMINATED ARE REGRETTABLE AND SHOULD BE REFUTED BY AUTHORS THEMSELVES. WHOEVER WANTS PEACE SHOULD MEASURE WORDS. IN RWANDA UNTIL NOW EVERYONE UNCLASSIFIED

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